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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/623,173	07/21/2003	Michael John Erickson	109816242	2724

TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS FOR SAFE INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF A CIRCUIT BOARD FOR HOT SWAP APPLICATIONS

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
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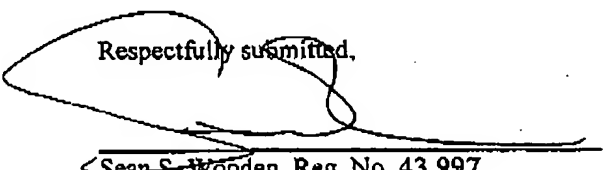
Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance of June 29, 2005 (the "NOA"), Applicants respectfully comment that the claims are allowable for features they recite, singularly and/or in combination. Additional features and combinations thereof, beyond those mentioned in the NOA, are not found or suggested in the prior art. The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the respective independent claims and for the additional features recited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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